

# EXHIBIT A

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**Cc:** Cook, Susan  
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Jacob and Matthew,

Attached is a courtesy copy of the First Amended Complaint the Commission is filing today.

You will note that the Commission removed from the prayer the request for an injunction enjoining the University from entering into a license agreement with Dr. Shaw. The Commission remains opposed to such a license. We removed the request for an injunction for several reasons. First, because the University has an agreement with the Commission that it will not undertake licensing while we are in settlement discussions, we thought eliminating the request for an injunction would be a show of good faith to the University. Second, Dr. Shaw's counsel has asserted that the requested injunction is interfering with some unspecified right Dr. Shaw allegedly has to obtain a license to the germplasm. Although Dr. Shaw's counsel has ignored our request to provide documentation supporting such a right, we decided that removing the request for an injunction might also help to diffuse Dr. Shaw's concerns. Finally, we hope that the settlement discussions between UC and the Commission continue to progress in the current direction and so believe that the requested injunction is not necessary, at least at this time.

Sincerely,

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